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1. Vishinsky makes appeal to German opinion in CFM--Secretary of State Acheson in Paris comments that Vishinsky's position in the 25 May session of the Council of Foreign Ministers was essentially a renewed plea for a return to four-power control of Germany. The Secretary further comments that in contrast to the tone of his statement the day before, Vishinsky made gestures toward the Germans by playing up his proposal for a German central council as the first all-German body and by strengthening his original proposal with the suggestion that the council be granted governmental power in economic and administrative fields. The Secretary indicates that the US delegation is not trying to push developments too fast and expresses the view that the 25 May session was useful in posing some concrete questions.
2. Possible motives behind Soviet proposals on Greece--US Embassy Moscow, in commenting on the 19 May TASS article containing Soviet proposals for settlement of the Greek problem, expresses the view that further developments on Greece will hinge on the outcome of the current CFM meeting. The Embassy considers that the TASS disclosure of the Gromyko-Rusk discussions was designed both to establish the question as a great power issue and to forestall the continuation of negotiations for the present by publicly announcing clearly unacceptable terms. The Embassy believes, however, that if the CFM reaches agreement on Germany, thus indicating that the USSR is actually seeking a European settlement, the Kremlin would be prepared to modify Gromyko's terms. The Embassy warns that any settlement in Greece would, from the Soviet point of view, be temporary and would not indicate a change in the ultimate Soviet objective of domination of Greece.

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